

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 775

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate William Healy on being selected FCS Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those excellent coaches who have led their players to success in athletic competition and in the game of life; and

WHEREAS, during the past two years, Coach William Healy has established himself as the heart and soul of Austin Peay State University's football program and has guided the Governors to an unprecedented turnaround on the gridiron, rebounding from an 0-11 season in 2016 to an exceptional record of 8-4 in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this remarkable achievement, Coach Healy was recently selected as the 2017 FCS Coach of the Year and presented this prestigious award at the annual FCS Awards Banquet on January 5, 2018, in Frisco, Texas; and

WHEREAS, prior to being named head coach at Austin Peay on December 19, 2015, Will Healy spent seven seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he helped guide the Moccasins to three Southern Conference championships and a pair of FCS playoff appearances; and

WHEREAS, a Chattanooga native introduced to football at a young age, Will Healy is the son of Rob Healy, who was a football star at Georgia Tech, and the nephew of Chip Healy, who earned All-American honors as a linebacker at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessee Mr. Football finalist who still holds the Chattanooga-area career passing record with over 7,700 yards, Will Healy was a star quarterback in high school for Boyd-Buchanan, earning All-State honors two years and All-State honorable mention twice during his career; and

WHEREAS, at the University of Richmond, Mr. Healy served as team captain of the school's 2008 FCS National Title team, seeing action in thirty-one games during his career, including the Spiders' win over the University of Montana in the 2008 FCS Championship game; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, he began his coaching career as an assistant on the staff of his former coach at Richmond, Russ Huesman, who had just been named the new head coach at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Will Healy is most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, the former Emily Broyles, and their son, Eli; and

WHEREAS, Will Healy has distinguished himself as a great football coach, tactician, and motivator of young men, and he should be appropriately recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate William Healy on being selected FCS Coach of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.